

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 29, 30 and 32; amend claims 23 and 34-36; and add claims ³⁹~~40~~-44 as follows.

23. (Twice Amended) A speech outputting game machine, comprising:

a plurality of phrase databases each corresponding to predetermined condition and each storing a plurality of command data including at least one or more commands representing a plurality of phrases some of which are related and equally appropriate for a specified predetermined condition, at least a first database having stored therein phrases in the voice of a first person and at least a second database having stored therein phrases in the voice of a second person ;

switching means for switching from one of said first and second databases to the other of said first and second databases;

processing means for selecting a phrase database corresponding to a predetermined condition when said predetermined condition is satisfied during the progress of the game, for selecting a specific command data based on predetermined procedures among the plurality of command data stored in the selected phrase database, and

for outputting one of a plurality of alternative related phrases based
on the command included in the selected specific command data; and
a speech output device for outputting a speech based on the phrase
output from said processing means, whereby different ones of said plurality of
alternative related phrases may be generated [uon] upon the occurrence of the
same condition during the progress of the game.

Claim 34, line 16, change "uon" to -upon-.

Claim 35, line 7, change ";;" to -,.-.

Claim 36, line 5, change "uon" to -upon-.

39. A speech outputting game machine, comprising:

a plurality of phrase databases each corresponding to predetermined
condition and each storing a plurality of command data including at least one or
more commands representing a plurality of phrases some of which are related and
equally appropriate for a specified predetermined condition;

processing means for selecting a phrase database

corresponding to a predetermined condition when said predetermined condition is satisfied during the progress of the game, for selecting a specific command data based on predetermined procedures among the plurality of command data stored in the selected phrase database, and for outputting one of a plurality of alternative related phrases based on the command included in the selected specific command data; and

a speech output device for outputting a speech based on the phrase output from said processing means, whereby different ones of said plurality of alternative related phrases may be generated upon the occurrence of the same condition during the progress of the game, said processing means uses said second phrase database according to replacement conditions designated by a player and the language of said first phrase database being different from the language of said second phrase database.

40. A speech outputting game machine according to claim 23, wherein said processing means uses said second phrase database according to replacement conditions designated by a player.

41. A speech outputting game machine according to claim 39, wherein said processing means uses said second phrase database according to replacement conditions designated by a player.

42. A speech outputting game machine according to claim 23, wherein said switching means changes over from one of said databases to the other of said upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

43. A speech outputting game machine according to claim 39, wherein said processing means uses said second phrase database according to replacement conditions designated by a player.

44. A speech outputting game machine according to claim 42, wherein said processing means uses said second phrase database according to replacement conditions designated by a player.

REMARKS

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed July 5, 2000. The Examiner's comments have been carefully considered.

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to extend the due date